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MINUTES

June 19, 2006

A special meeting of the Public Employment Relations Commission was held at 10:00 a.m. in the Hearing Room at the Commission's Olympia office, 112 Henry Street NE, Suite 300, Olympia, Washington. Those present and participating were:

Marilyn Glenn Sayan, Chairperson  
Pamela G. Bradburn, Commissioner  
Douglas G. Mooney, Commissioner  
Marvin L. Schurke, Executive Director  
Majel C. Boudia, Confidential Secretary  
Dario de la Rosa, Assistant to the Commission  
Mark S. Downing, Compliance Officer  
Kenneth J. Latsch, Operations Manager  
Karl Nagel, Field Services Manager  
Sally J. Iverson, Representation Coordinator

Also present and participating:

Ed Younglove, Washington Federation of State Employees  
Gladys Burbank, Washington Federation of State Employees  
Dolly Garcia, Washington State Dept. of Revenue  
Ilene LeVee, Washington State Dept. of Social & Health Services  
Herb Harris, Washington Public Employees Association  
Leslie Liddle, Washington Public Employees Association

MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

The minutes of the meeting held on May 15, 2006, were approved as submitted at this meeting.

REPORT OF THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

1. Case intake for May was down from the previous year, with 67 cases filed. Mr. Schurke noted that filings were moving toward the mix of cases that was normal before 2002, with few



grievance mediation cases being filed. That increases the average effort per case. The current fiscal year average continues to be 73 cases per month.

2. There were 84 cases closed during the month of May. This is better than the previous year and above average for this fiscal year.
3. There were 537 cases pending at the end of May. This statistic is gradually decreasing. The percentages of cases aging are down significantly.
4. Mr. Schurke announced that the agency held the second-largest election in its history this month, with nearly 10,000 eligible voters. This representation election concerned child care providers. Representation Coordinator Sally Iverson reviewed the election results: 2236 voted for SEIU Local 925, 240 voted for no representation, 37 ballots were void, and 9 ballots were challenged (mostly because they were requested and cast by employees not on the eligibility list). The vote was tallied on June 15, with PERC staff at six tables for tabulating. The process went flawlessly. The Executive Director thanked Ms. Iverson and the staff for their work. The certification will be issued next Friday, unless objections are filed.
5. The Commission reviewed an e-mail from Jim Broman requesting a speaker for a Washington State Association of Fire Chiefs. workshop. Mr. Schurke recommended sending a staff member to speak at the workshop in October in Leavenworth. The Commission unanimously agreed that the Executive Director should select someone to provide an informational update from the agency.
6. The Commission reviewed a letter from Secretary of State Sam Reed thanking Diane Tucker for her involvement and dedication to the success of Public Service Recognition Week.
7. The Commission reviewed the 2005 Combined Fund Drive Financial Report. More than \$6900 was donated to the fund by 51.85 percent of the PERC staff. The Commission thanked Agency Fund Coordinator Majel Boudia for her efforts, and the staff for their generosity.
8. Mr. Schurke reviewed an e-mail message acknowledging settlement of the contract at Seattle City Light and thanking staff member Robin Romeo for her mediation effort.

INITIATION OF RULE ADOPTION PROCEEDINGS

Copies of the May 11, 2006 Explanatory Materials for 2006 PERC RULE Amendments and the Rules Proposal document were distributed to the Commission and audience. Mr. Latsch, Mr. Schurke and Mr. de la Rosa each made comments on various rules in the package. Some comments were received from members of the audience. Mr. Latsch noted that it has made a difference having participation from the members of the Rules Focus Group, and he looks forward to using the same process in the future. On a motion made, seconded and carried unanimously, the Commission initiated formal rule adoption proceedings. The meeting previously scheduled for September 12 in the Kirkland office will be moved to the Olympia office, to accommodate a rules hearing.

COMPLIANCE DOCKET

*Lewis Public Transit Benefit Area*, Case 19257-U-05-4890. Compliance Officer Mark S. Downing reviewed the case. A tender of compliance was received April 21, 2006. The notice was signed and posted, and read into the minutes of the board meeting. The union had informed Mr. Downing that it is satisfied with the tender of compliance. Mr. Downing recommended the compliance be accepted. The Commission unanimously accepted the tender of compliance, and the case will now be closed.

COURT DOCKET

Mr. Downing reported that the hearing in Thurston County Superior Court involving *State - Ecology*, Case 19318-E-05-3046, is scheduled for Friday, June 23, 2006.

COMMISSION DOCKET

The Commission docket was reviewed in detail, and the status of each case was discussed.


OTHER BUSINESS


The Commission approved sending LRAM Terry Wilson to the 2006 Association of Labor Relations Conference, since Commissioner Mooney will be unable to attend.

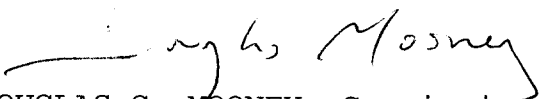
ADJOURNMENT

There being nothing further to come before the Commission, the meeting was then adjourned.

PUBLIC EMPLOYMENT RELATIONS COMMISSION

  
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PAMELA G. BRADBURN, Commissioner

  
DOUGLAS G. MOONEY, Commissioner

ATTEST:

  
MARVIN L. SCHURKE, Executive Director